

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment received on January 7, 2002 in which claims 1-16, 18-32 are pending.

Examiner Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

Lines 18-25, delete "The secondary game is most preferably a wheel-of-fortune-type game related audio/video events responsive to a stand-alone bonus server (SBS).

To Reduce length to ≤ 150 words.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-16, 18-32 are allowed over the prior art of record and in light of the Applicants' arguments.

Response to Amendment

4. It has been noted that claim 14 has been amended. With claim 17 cancelled, the claims have been renumbered as claims 1-31.

Drawings

5. The application having been allowed, formal drawings are required in response to this Office Action.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yveste G. Cherubin whose telephone number is (703) 306-3027. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (703) 308-4119. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3579 for regular communications and (703) 305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

January 23, 2002

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